

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-86624)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
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DATE: 6/21/60

Extreme caution must be exercised with respect to dissemination of information herein inasmuch as, by its nature, said information tends to identify [redacted] a valuable informant, as the source thereof. Unless this information is verified by other sources, it should not be incorporated in the investigative section of a report.

ReNYlet, 6/15/60, captioned as above, reporting that LOUISE PATTERSON and [redacted] would leave for the Soviet Union "in a week or so," and that WILLIAM PATTERSON was discussing with the Soviets the possibility of [redacted] the Friendship of the People's University in Moscow.

On 6/20/60, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on 6/17/60, he conferred with [redacted] CP, USA [redacted] who told him the following:

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(LOUISE PATTERSON)

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(WILLIAM PATTERSON)

1-New York [redacted]

(INV.) (41)

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(WILLIAM PATTERSON) (412)

1-New York 100-24624

(LOUISE PATTERSON) (414)

1-New York 100-136456

([redacted]) (422)

1-New York 100-141447

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LOUISE PATTERSON and [redacted] will leave NYC for the Soviet Union on June 30th. ([redacted] did not specify how they would travel). [redacted] will attend college either in Moscow or Prague. It is quite likely that WILLIAM PATTERSON will retire as a CP functionary, and engage in public relations work in Prague, probably in connection with some tourist agency.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] as previously reported by [redacted] a [redacted] will leave soon for Moscow, where she will study at a conservatory of music during the coming summer months. She will return to the USA in the Fall. She already has a visa, and will go to Paris, where arrangements will be made by the Soviets for her to go to Moscow.

[redacted] said that it was ascertained that she is too young to attend the Friendship of the People's University, but that she may be eligible to attend the said school next year.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 7/5/60	Investigative Period 6/1-6/23/60
TITLE OF CASE  LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka		Report made by [redacted]	Typed By: bar
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## REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/30/59, New York.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 6/6/60, SA [redacted] by means of a pretext telephone call, determined PATTERSON's employment. The pretext used was that of a person interested in housing.

The sources utilized in the characterization of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund are as follows:

An anonymous source

LOUIS BUDENZ

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Brooklyn, New York

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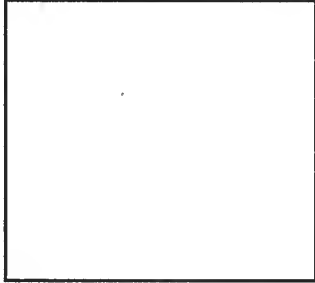
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The other informants mentioned in the details of the report as being unable to furnish any current CP activity on the part of the subject, that were contacted during June, 1960, are as follows:

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report subject's departure  
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Date: June 4, 1962

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ON 9/29/00

To: Office of Security  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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Reference is made to reports concerning captioned individual which have previously been furnished you.

There is enclosed a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum indicating plans on the part of the subject to visit the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics during the coming summer. As additional information is developed concerning this travel, it will be furnished you. This Bureau will be interested in any information of a security nature concerning the activities of Patterson while outside of the United States.

Upon the removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Enclosure

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Central Intelligence Agency

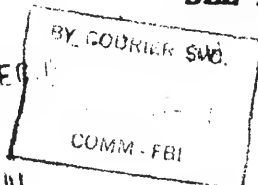
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans  
1 - New York (100-24624)

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Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
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Letter to Office of Security,  
Department of State  
RE: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
100-407934

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is wife of William L. Patterson chairman New York District CPUSA. She is apparently going to visit [redacted] who is attending school in the USSR. Subject was a member or official of numerous Communist Party (CP) fronts between the early 1930's and 1955. In 1947 she was Vice-President of the IWO. She attended the 40th anniversary celebration of the CPUSA in 1959 and attended the 1-21-61 session of the National Committee meeting of the CPUSA. As of April, 1961, she was assigned to the Sixth AD Club of the Kings County CP. There has been located no evidence of CP membership subsequent to 10-20-61, the date the passport sanction of the ISA-50 became effective. Subject's name is included in SI and a current report is in preparation. Copies of all pertinent reports have been furnished State and CIA.

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This letter is classified "Confidential" since its enclosure is so classified. The memorandum enclosed has been classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by [redacted] a valuable current source, the disclosure of which would seriously impair the Bureau's coverage in the security field.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
it contains information from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ active informants of continuing value and because of the information furnished by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the disclosure of which could possibly jeopardize the identity of these informants which would be injurious to the national defense.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
no information has been developed which would reflect that the subject would cooperate with the FBI and because of her husband's, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, position of leadership within the CP.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
of her husband's position as Vice-Chairman of the CP, USA New York District and because of her planned visit to join her husband in Moscow, Russia, at the end of June, 1960.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

C O N F I D E N T I A L

## Copy to:

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## Report of:

Office: New York, New York

## Date:

July 5, 1960

## File Number:

New York 100-24624

Bureau 100-407934

## Title:

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

## Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

PATTERSON resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed by the Foundation for Cooperative Housing, 31 Union Square West, New York, New York. Sources advised that PATTERSON was in attendance at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA in September, 1959; meeting concerning the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund was to be held at subject's residence in May, 1959; received invitation to special preview of USSR exhibition that was in New York, New York, in June, 1959; to join her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, in Europe in June, 1960.

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ON 9/27/00

C O N F I D E N T I A L

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On June 6, 1960, [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, advised that LOUISE PATTERSON resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York.

B. Employment

On June 6, 1960, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) it was determined that LOUISE PATTERSON was employed by the Foundation for Cooperative Housing, 31 Union Square West, New York, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The Communist Party (CP), USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The CP, USA New York District is commonly referred to as the New York State CP.

[redacted] advised on October 8, 1959, that LOUISE PATTERSON was in attendance with her husband, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA held September 25, 1959, at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York.

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[ ] related that at this meeting various CP functionaries spoke including ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.

[ ] stated that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN delivered the introductory address and that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. discussed the question of integration throughout the United States.

"The Worker", January 31, 1960, page 16 identified WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as Vice-Chairman of the New York State CP.

On December 14, 1959, [ ] advised that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA.

"The Worker", February 21, 1960, page 1, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[ ] advised on May 27, 1959, that on that date, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. talked with LOUISE PATTERSON and discussed the possibility of working out a discussion concerning the CP Amnesty Campaign.

[ ] advised on May 4, 1959, that a meeting was to be held on May 21, 1959, at the residence of LOUISE PATTERSON for the purpose of expanding the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund before the summer vacations start.

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A characterization of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund appears in the Appendix of this report.

[redacted] related on June 23, 1959, that [redacted] of the USSR Exhibition, New York, New York, had advised that an invitation was sent to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, to attend a special preview of the USSR Exhibition on June 29, 1959. This exhibition was scheduled to be held from June 30, 1959 through August 10, 1959 at the New York Coliseum, New York, New York.

[redacted] stated on August 17, 1959, that [redacted] stated that among others Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York, New York, was sent an invitation to attend a press conference and cocktail party on August 7, 1959, in connection with the closing of the USSR Exhibition at the New York Coliseum.

During the period from 1952 through 1955, LOUISE PATTERSON resided at 409 Edgecombe Avenue, New York, New York.

#### Proposed Foreign Travel

[redacted] advised on February 1, 1960, that on January 27, 1960, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON stated that he and his wife, LOUISE PATTERSON, plan to leave the United States for Czechoslovakia at the end of February or the first part of March, 1960.

[redacted] advised on February 27, 1960, that during the week of February 21, 1960, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had stated that he would leave the United States for Czechoslovakia on March 13, 1960. PATTERSON further stated that his wife, LOUISE PATTERSON, would join him in Europe in June, 1960.

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The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., were reviewed on February 10, 1960, by SA [REDACTED]. These records reflect that on January 5, 1960, LOUISE PATTERSON was issued a Passport, Number 1822449. PATTERSON, on her Passport Application, dated January 5, 1960, and executed at the Department of State, New York, New York, advised that she contemplated departing from the United States approximately January 20, 1960, for a one month vacation trip to England, France and Czechoslovakia. b7C

PATTERSON's Passport File further reflected that as of June 6, 1932, she was issued a Passport, Number 516630, for travel to Germany. The Passport was issued under the name LOUISE THOMPSON, and that the purpose of the trip was to study. She indicated that she would return to the United States in two years.

PATTERSON's Passport File also reflects that she was issued a Passport, Number 468381, on August 5, 1937, under the name LOUISE THOMPSON. At this time, the subject advised that the Passport was desired for travel to France, England and Spain.

On June 17, 1960, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Trans World Airlines (TWA) advised that Miss LOUISE PATTERSON, 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York, had made reservations on Flight 802, TWA, leaving International Airport, Queens, New York, at 10:00 p.m. on June 30, 1960, for Paris, France.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, as caused to be searched on June 1, 1960, by SA [REDACTED] reflected no current information regarding LOUISE PATTERSON.

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were furnished by [redacted] to IC [redacted] on June 3, 1960, and contained no information of a derogatory nature concerning PATTERSON.

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Other informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area advised during June, 1960, that they could furnish no current information concerning CP activity on the part of PATTERSON.

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APPENDIX

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EDWARD E. STRONG MEMORIAL  
EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND

On April 19, 1957, a confidential source advised that on that date he observed a telegram addressed to Room 710, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, headquarters of the Communist Party (CP) of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. The telegram announced the death of comrade EDWARD E. STRONG on April 10, 1957. It also urged that expressions of sympathy should take the form of generous contributions to a Memorial Educational Fund for the education and care of **STRONG's** children. The telegram was signed by "The National Committee, CP, USA".

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On September 17, 1957, another confidential source made available a four page pamphlet announcing the establishment of the EDWARD E. STRONG Memorial Educational Trust Fund. The pamphlet reflects that in "1949, EDWARD STRONG assumed the post of Chairman of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania. He became a member of the National Committee of the CP and served that organization in various capacities until his death."

The pamphlet reflects the trustees of the Fund are HERBERT APTHEKER and Dr. W. ALPHAEUS HUNTON.

On July 14, 1954, HERBERT APTHEKER testified in a Smith Act case in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that he was, at that time, a CP member and that he had been a member since 1939.

On June 20, 1950, another confidential source advised that he knew ALPHAEUS HUNTON as a concealed CP member as late as 1945 and that HUNTON revealed himself as a thorough Communist.

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EDUCATION TRUST FUND (CONT'D)

On May 20, 1958, a confidential source advised that a trust savings account had been opened on June 28, 1957, in a Brooklyn bank in the name of HERBERT APTHEKER and W. ALPHIAEUS HUNTON. The address for the fund account is the home address of APTHEKER, 32 Ludlam Place, Brooklyn, New York. The above source advised in April, 1959, that the Fund remains at the same location with the same Trustees.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 5, 1960

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Title Louise Thompson Patterson

Character Security Matter-C

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated and  
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Concerning the sources utilized in the characterization of the Edward E. Strong Memorial Educational Trust Fund, the first three sources used have furnished reliable information in the past. The fourth source utilized is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Date: 7/1/60

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 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)  
 SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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Remyairtel, 6/17/60, captioned as above, with  
 enclosed letterhead memorandum.

SAS of NYO observed subject and [redacted]  
 [redacted] depart from International Airport, NYC,  
 at 12:55 a.m. 7/1/60 aboard Trans-World Airlines flight  
 #802 for Paris, France.

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 1- NY 100-24624 [redacted]

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka  
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

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Date: August 17, 1960  
To: Director, FBI (100-407934)  
From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-1123)  
Subject: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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Re New York let 7/1/60.

Pertinent information concerning subject's background  
and travel to Europe was furnished to [redacted]

On 8/16/60 [redacted] advised that  
subject and [redacted] stayed at the  
Hotel Vaneau, 85 rue Vaneau, Paris 7, France from July 1 - 7,  
1960. According to [redacted] they did not  
come to attention as the result of any political activity.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 8/29/60	Investigative Period 8/17 - 22/60
TITLE OF CASE  LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON aka		Report [Redacted]	Typed By: bca
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SECURITY MATTER - C	

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [Redacted], dated 7/5/60,  
New York.

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The Special Agents of the FBI who observed  
LOUISE PATTERSON depart from International Airport,  
Queens, New York, on 7/1/60, were [Redacted] and [Redacted].

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BY *[Signature]*

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await and report subject's return from  
Europe.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
  2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
  3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
  4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
  5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
  6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_.
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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/30/53.  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) traveling in Europe.
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9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
  10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
of her husband's position as Vice-chairman of the CP, USA, New York District and because of her trip to join her husband in Moscow, Russia. ✓
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11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.\*  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

Date:

Office: New York, New York

8/29/60

Field Office File No.: NY 100-24624

Bureau File No.: 100-407934

Title:

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

PATTERSON left International Airport,  
Queens, NY, for Paris, France, on  
7/1/60, aboard TWA flight number 808.

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DETAILS:

On July 1, 1960, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed LOUISE PATTERSON depart from International Airport, Queens, New York, at 12:55 a.m. aboard Trans World Airlines flight number 808 for Paris, France.

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LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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Information concerning subject's travel to China, which is undoubtedly in violation of passport restrictions, would be of particular interest to the State Department.

Unless the security of [redacted] would be impaired by doing so, the information in relet, as well as any additional pertinent information concerning such travel, should be submitted promptly in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

In Security Index. She is wife of William L. Patterson. She has been active in recent past in CP activities. She recently traveled to Europe and Russia with her husband. Her husband has returned; however, she remained abroad and according to [redacted] she plans to stay in China one year.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: 10/11/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReNYrep, 8/29/60, captioned as above.

[redacted] advised on 9/11,12/60, that on 9/8/60, GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CPUSA, had advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice-Chairman of the New York State CP, had returned from a trip to Europe. HALL further advised the informant that LOUISE PATTERSON, wife of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, plans to stay in China for a period of one year.

In view of the above, this case is being placed in a closed status. Appropriate stop notice has been placed with INS.

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Date: 10/24/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)  
 SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
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ReCGlet to Bureau, 9/13/60, captioned "CP, USA  
 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; IS - C" and Bulet to NY, 10/20/60.

For the information of Chicago Office, reBulet  
 states:

"Information concerning subject's travel to China,  
 which is undoubtedly in violation of passport restrictions,  
 would be of particular interest to the State Department.

"Unless the security of [ ] would be impaired  
 by doing so, the information in relet, as well as any additional  
 pertinent information concerning such travel, should be  
 submitted promptly in memorandum form suitable for  
 dissemination."

NYO does not have any other source furnishing this  
 information. Chicago is therefore requested to advise if  
 the security of [ ] would be impaired in the event  
 this information is disseminated to the State Department.

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 2- Chicago (100- ) (RM)  
 1- NY 100-24624

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Approved: J. [Signature] Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 11/10/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)  
 SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
 SM - C  
 (OO: NY)

ReBulet to NY, 10/20/60, and CG airtel to Director,  
 11/8/60.

[redacted] advised on 8/26/60 that [redacted]  
 [redacted] had stated that date the wife of WILLIAM L.  
 PATTERSON was in China.

It is the opinion of the NYO that [redacted] made  
 this statement in the strictest confidence to [redacted] and  
 no dissemination of this information should be made.

Information concerning PATTERSON's travel in China  
 has not been verified by any source other than [redacted] and  
 [redacted] NYO will closely follow this matter and the  
 Bureau will be advised if any new information is developed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-4092)

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
SM-C

O.O. New York

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DATE 9/27/00 BY 39063ELW/1m

Re New York airtel to Bureau 10/24/60 concerning information received from [redacted] concerning travel to China by PATTERSON. This airtel reflects that the New York Division has not received this information from any other source. The Chicago Division was requested to advise if the security of [redacted] would be impaired in the event this information is disseminated to the U.S. State Department.

Based on the fact that the numerous sources of the New York Division have not reported this information and the fact that the information does indicate a violation of passport restrictions, it must be considered as a closely guarded secret in CP circles. Thus, if the information is disseminated to the U.S. State Department and some action is taken by that Department on the basis of this information, the security of [redacted] could be placed in jeopardy.

It has long been the position of the Chicago Division that any problem regarding dissemination which may affect the security of [redacted] should be resolved in favor of fully protecting this extremely valuable and unique source.

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1 - New York (RM)

1 - 100-24624 (LOUISE PATTERSON)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

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(OO: NY)

ReNYairtels to Director dated 6/17/60 and 7/1/60.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memo  
setting forth the information of the return of LOUISE THOMPSON  
PATTERSON from Europe on 12/19/60.

FD-122 is being submitted.

DATE 9/27/60 BY 3963 Ew/ka  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
December 20, 1960

Bufile 100-407934

Re: Louise Thompson Patterson  
Security Matter - C

Reference is made to previous memorandum, captioned  
as above and dated June 17, 1960.

On December 19, 1960, [REDACTED] b7C  
Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York,  
advised that Louise Thompson Patterson had arrived at  
International Airport, New York, New York, from London,  
England, on Pan American Airlines Flight 1, on December 19,  
1960 at 8:35 p.m. Patterson's passport number is listed  
as 1822449, and her residence was listed as 1268 President  
Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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*1st* **TO :** Director, FBI (100-407934)

**DATE:** 12/23/60

*Jan* **FROM :** SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

**SUBJECT:** LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka  
SM - C  
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)  OK Housewife		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address  OK 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York		

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: February 3, 1961

FROM : *crb* LEGAT, LONDON (100-2506)**SECRET**SUBJECT: LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON  
SM - C

OO: NEW YORK

Re New York letterhead memorandum 12/20/60.

b1 There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a Confidential classification by (5) [redacted] British Security Service MI-5. [redacted] (s) is designated as [redacted] in the enclosure. (X)(u)

b2 Information in this case was furnished to MI-5  
b7D by letter from this office dated January 12, 1961, and because subject has returned to the United States, this case is being placed in an RUC status. (X)(u)

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February 3, 1961

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

[ ] a confidential source abroad, advised on January 26, 1961, that subject arrived in England at London Airport from Zurich, Switzerland on December 16, 1960, and departed London Airport for an unknown destination on December 19, 1960. (S)(u)

[ ] stated it has been reported that subject visited the Soviet Union from July 7 to October 18, 1960, and Czechoslovakia from October 18 to November 9, 1960. (S)(u)

[ ] stated while subject was in England she did not engage in any activity of a security nature. (S)(u)

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ON 2/7/01  
See UK letter dated 11-30-2000

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>8/24/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/1-21/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON, aka</b>		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: <b>np</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA , dated  
8/29/60, at NY.

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DATE 9/2/00 BY SP6 BEM/BJA

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information is being placed on the administrative page because the information by its very nature tends to identify the informant.

on 8/26/60, advised that in a conversation with  a  on that date  stated that LOUISE PATTERSON was visiting China.

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Approved <div></div>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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[redacted] on 9/11, 12/60 advised that on 9/8/60, GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA stated that LOUISE PATTERSON was going to stay in China for one year.

On 12/22/60, SA [redacted] observed LOUISE PATTERSON depart from CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, NY.

On 1/27/61, SAS [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted], observed LOUISE PATTERSON entering and departing CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NY, NY.

A log covering the above surveillances are maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Number Where Located</u>
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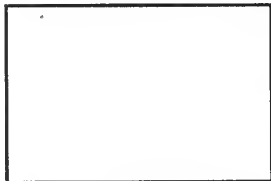
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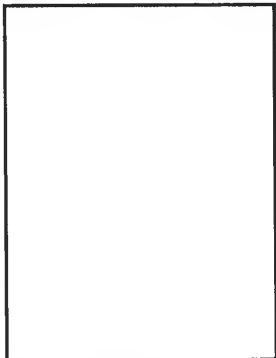
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The other informants mentioned in the details of the report as being unable to furnish any current CP activity on the part of the subject, that were contacted during August, 1961, are as follows:



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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) the data received from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ disclosure of which might impair the effectiveness of these informants and such impairment could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests of the country. b2  
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8. ☒ Subject previously interviewed (dates) 11/30/53.  
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) no information has been developed which would reflect that the subject would cooperate with the FBI and because of her husband's, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, high position of leadership within the CP.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject is a member of the 6th A. D. Club of the Kings County CP (instant report).
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

Office: New York, New York

Date:

8/24/61

Field Office File No.:

100-24624

Bureau File No.: 100-407934

Title:

LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

PATTERSON resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife. Sources advised PATTERSON in attendance at the 1/21/61 session of a 3 day National Committee meeting of the CP, USA; assigned to the 6th A. D. Club of KCCP in April, 1961; PATTERSON proposed as chairman of Women's Committee of the CP, USA in May, 1961. PATTERSON returned from trip to Europe on 12/19/60.

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On August 17, 1961

Brooklyn, New York, advised that LOUISE PATTERSON resides at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn, New York.

further stated that LOUISE PATTERSON is a housewife.

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B. Health

On May 28, 1961, WILLIAM PATTERSON stated that his wife, LOUISE PATTERSON had broken her ankle on May 27, 1961, and that she would have her leg in a cast for a period of approximately five weeks.

[REDACTED]  
May 28, 1961

"The Worker", June 4, 1961,  
page 12, identifies WILLIAM L. PATTERSON  
as Acting State Chairman of the New York  
District Communist Party (CP).

"The Worker" is an east coast  
Communist weekly newspaper.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Attendance at CP Meetings

A three day meeting of the CP, USA National Committee was held on January 20-22, 1961, at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York, New York. LOUISE PATTERSON was in attendance at the January 21, 1961 session of this meeting in the capacity of an invited guest. PATTERSON took no part in the discussions at this meeting.

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[REDACTED]  
January 20-22, 1961

LOUISE PATTERSON attended one or more sessions of a three day meeting of the CP, USA National Committee held January 20-22, 1961, at Adelphi Hall, New York, New York.

[REDACTED]  
January 27, 1961



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CP Club Affiliation

On April 5, 1961, at a joint meeting of all clubs of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section, Kings County CP, it was announced that LOUISE PATTERSON was to be reassigned to the 6th A. D. Club of the Kings County CP.

[REDACTED]

April 7, 1961

Proposed CP Position

On May 4, 1961, during a discussion at CP Headquarters concerning the organization of various committees of the CP, USA, JACK STACHEL proposed that LOUISE PATTERSON be chairman of the Women's Committee of the CP, USA. No positive action was taken concerning this proposal.

[REDACTED]

May 4, 1961

JACK STACHEL was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA at its 17th national convention, December 10-13, 1959.

STACHEL was convicted in the United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

A two page letter signed "WILLIAM LOUISE PATTERSON", which was a holiday greeting dated January, 1961, states that both WILLIAM and LOUISE PATTERSON had recently returned from a trip through the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Germany, and Central Asia.

[REDACTED]

January 31, 1961

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the subject's presence at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York on December 22, 1960, and January 27, 1961.

On December 19, 1960, Inspector [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York, New York, advised that LOUISE THOMPSON PATTERSON had arrived at International Airport, Queens, New York, from London, England on Pan American Airlines Flight Number 1, on December 19, 1960.

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Other informants familiar with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area advised during June, 1960, that they could furnish no current information concerning CP activity on the part of PATTERSON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
August 24, 1961

New York 100-24624

**Title** Louise Thompson Patterson

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**Character** Security Matter - C

**Reference** report of Special Agent   
 dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: November 20 1961

Card U.T.D.  
11/24/61

*Jerry*  
FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

*file in* Re: Louise Thompson Patterson  
FBI#: 100-407934

CC-100-398030

Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

☐ as requested by you on \_\_\_\_\_.

It has been determined that subject's name should be

☒ retained on security index; ☐ removed from security index.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47934)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-4092)

SUBJECT: LOUISE PATTERSON  
SM - C  
(OO:NY)

407934 ON SENT TO  
CP, NY 5/23/62  
DATE: 5/16/62  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of an informant's statement dated May 14, 1962, containing information orally furnished on May 14, 1962, by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. This information was reduced to writing on May 16, 1962, and the original report is maintained in CGfile [redacted]

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- ②-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
  - 4-New York (RM)
    - (1-100-84994) (GUS HALL)
    - (1-100-24624) (LOUISE PATTERSON)
    - (1-100-[redacted])
    - (1-100-88624) (CP, USA - International Relations)
  - 2-Chicago
    - (1-A) [redacted]

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May 14, 1962

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In mid-May, 1962, it was learned that GUS HALL has granted the Communist Party, USA's (CP, USA) permission for LOUISE PATTERSON to go to the Soviet Union to visit [redacted] who resides in that country. In connection with such authority to travel to the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union is to be advised that LOUISE PATTERSON, born September 9, 1901, and now residing at 1268 President Street, Brooklyn 13, New York, will leave the United States on July 1, 1962, for the Soviet Union. She will, at the time of her departure, be traveling on U.S. Passport #1822449.

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Date: 5/24/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-24624)

SUBJECT: LOUISE PATTERSON  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950

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Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received from [redacted] on 5/14/62 concerning a proposed trip by LOUISE PATTERSON to the Soviet Union. Background information on PATTERSON is set forth for appropriate dissemination. Any additional details received concerning PATTERSON'S proposed itinerary and mode of travel will be furnished in a subsequent letterhead memorandum.

WFO, by letter dated 2/17/60, advised that on 1/6/60 PATTERSON was issued passport number 1822449. WFO is requested to check the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, for any additional information.

A review of PATTERSON'S file fails to indicate Communist Party membership subsequent to 10/20/61. An up-to-date report will be submitted on PATTERSON.

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The enclosed memorandum is classified confidential because the information reported by [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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A confidential source recently advised that Louise Patterson had been granted permission by the Communist Party, USA, to go to the Soviet Union to visit [redacted] who resides in that country. Patterson will leave the United States on July 1, 1962, for the Soviet Union. Patterson, at the time of her departure, will be traveling on United States Passport number 1822449. b7C

Background:

Louise Patterson is the wife of William L. Patterson, Chairman of the New York District, CP, USA. She was born September 9, 1901, in Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of California at Berkeley, California. Patterson visited Russia in 1932 or 1933, and toured Loyalist Spain in 1937. Patterson was a member of the Central Committee of District Number 8, CP, USA, in 1945, and a member of the Harlem Region, New York County CP as of June, 1955. Between the early 1930's and 1955 she was active as a member and/or official of numerous CP front groups. In 1947, she was elected Vice-President of the International Workers Order, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and was active in that organization until its dissolution in 1954. In May, 1958, she was Chairman of an affair to raise funds for the children of a deceased CP functionary. Patterson was in attendance at the 40th Anniversary celebration of the CP, USA, in 1959. Patterson traveled to the Soviet Union in 1960. She was in attendance at the January 21, 1961, session of a three-day National Committee meeting of the CP, USA. Patterson was assigned to the 6th A.D. Club of the Kings County CP in April, 1961.

Louise Patterson is described as a Negro female, 61 years of age, five feet two inches, 130 pounds, black graying hair, and brown eyes.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407934)

DATE: 6/20/62

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-37232) (RUC)

SUBJECT: LOUISE PATTERSON  
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, copies to WFO requesting a check of the records of the Passport Division, Department of State.

On 6/14/62, IC [redacted] checked the passport file of the subject at the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C. No information not already furnished to the Bureau and New York by WFOlet of 2/17/60, was contained in the file.

[redacted] advised IC [redacted] that the passport which the subject obtained on 1/6/60, #1822449 (data furnished by WFOlet of 2/17/60) is valid for a three year period, renewable for an additional two years. [redacted] advised IC [redacted] that the subject is therefore currently in possession of a valid passport and that the Passport Office, Department of State, would not be aware of any planned travel on her part.

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